

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**2024:PHHC:048459
CRM-M-11662-2024
Date of Decision.:09.04.2024**

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Manoj R. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.121 dated 11.09.2022, registered under Sections 379-B (2), 201 and 34 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Ghuman, District Gurdaspur.

2. As per the allegations, FIR was lodged on the complaint of Harjinder Singh as per which on 11.09.2022, he along with his wife were riding on motorcycle, when two persons came on a motorcycle with muffled faces, snatched his purse containing Rs.3500/- and other documents. Later on, co accused Amritpal Singh @ Sonu was arrested in some other case bearing FIR No.164 of 2022 registered at Police Station Ghuman and who confessed his involvement in the present crime. It is alleged that said Amritpal Singh nominated the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused; that he is in custody for the last 1 year and 2 months and that co-accused Amritpal Singh

has already been granted bail.

4. Notice of motion.
5. Mr. Baljinder Singh, DAG, Punjab, appeared on the advanced notice and short reply also filed.
6. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition on the ground of antecedents of the petitioner.
7. As per the custody certificate, petitioner is in custody for the last 1 year and 2 months and 19 days but involved in as many as 6 cases. He is also a convict in one case. He has been acquitted in two cases and production warrants have been issued in three other cases. However, learned State counsel concedes the fact that no test identification parade was conducted so as to establish the identity of the petitioner from the complainant. Co-accused Amritpal Singh @ Sonu has already been allowed bail by the co-ordinate bench of this Court vide order dated 2.8.2023 passed in CRM-M-36528 of 2023.
8. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, the criminal antecedents cannot be a reason to decline the bail to the petitioner. As such, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

April 09, 2024
Poonam Sharma

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No